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CRITICIZES U.S. FOR INABILITY FLY TO MIAMI

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1. IN PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 22, AEROPERU PRESIDENT CARLOS SOTO ANNOUNCED THAT AIRLINE WOULD BEING INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS ON JULY 28, PERUVIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY, TO SANTIAGO, BUENOS AIRES AND GUAYAQUIL. AS EXPECTED, HE BLAMED U.S. FOR INABILITY OF AEROPERU TO OPERATE TO MIAMI AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED.

2. SOTO POINTED OUT THAT TO DATE AEROPERU HAD NOT BEEN ISSUED OPERATING PERMIT AND THAT THE U.S. WAS STILL STUDYING AEROPERU'S APPEAL OF TWO UNACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS (WHICH HE DESCRIBED) INCLUDED IN PERMIT AS ORIGINALLY RECOMMENDED. "WE APPEALED THIS RECOMMENDATION BECAUSE WE CONSIDERED THAT WE HAD A RIGHT TO A PERMIT WITHOUT ANY RESTRICTIONS. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT OUR APPEAL WILL BE ACCEPTED AND THAT WE CAN OPERATE IN THAT COUNTRY WITH COMPLETE FREEDOM." HE CONTINUED THAT, EVEN WERE THE U.S. TO ISSUE PERMIT, AEROPERU COULD NOT BEGIN TO FLY TO MIAMI BY JULY 28. THIS WAS NOT AN ARBITRARY
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DECISION BUT WAS DICTATED BY THE FACT THAT 45 DAYS WOULD BE

REQUIRED FOR AEROPERU TO COMPLETE THE NECESSARY PRELIMINARY WORK. IN THE MEANTIME, SOTO SAID, THE DELAY WILL CAUSE ECONOMIC DAMAGE TO AEROPERU; INSTEAD OF FLYING AN ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE TEN HOURS A DAY, AEROPERU'S DC-8'S WILL BE LIMITED TO ONLY SIX HOURS. SOTO ALSO SAID (INCORRECTLY) THAT AEROPERU HAD APPLIED FOR THE PERMIT "SIX MONTHS AGO".

3. OTHER POINTS MADE BY SOTO WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A. AEROPERU WILL CHARGE FARES SIMILAR TO THOSE OF OTHER CARRIERS, AND EVEN THOUGH NOT AN IATA MEMBER, IT IS ASSOCIATED SO THAT TICKETS CAN BE ENDORSED. "WE WILL RESPECT THE FARES OF OTHER AIRLINES AND WILL COMPETE LEGALLY."

B. PLANE CAPACITY WILL BE 146 PASSENGERS OF WHICH 120 ECONOMY.

C. FLIGHTS WITHIN HEMISPHERE ARE FIRST STEP OF PLANNED EXPANSION. EVENTUALLY AEROPERU WILL FLY TO "OTHER CONTINENTS". FIRST STAGE CONTEMPLATES SEVEN FLIGHTS PER WEEK TO MIAMI, THREE TO GUAYAQUIL, FIVE TO SANTIAGO, AND SEVEN TO BUENOS AIRES. AT LATER DATE, FLIGHTS WILL BE SCHEDULED TO "NORTH AMERICAN CAPITALS".

D. AEROPERU'S AIRCRAFT WILL BE SERVICED BY KLM.

4. COMMENT: WITH OR WITHOUT PERMIT AEROPERU OBVIOUSLY IN NO POSITION BEGIN FLIGHTS TO MIAMI, AND AEROPERU HAS TAKEN NO ACTION TO COMPLETE OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS REPEATEDLY URGED BY EMBASSY. SOTO WAS IN FACT PROBABLY RELIEVED TO BE PROVIDED WITH CONVENIENT SCAPEGOAT. HOWEVER, WE THINK THAT FACT WE WERE IN POSITION TO ASSURE PRESIDENT, FOREIGN MINISTER AND AIR MINISTER GILARDI THAT WE WERE CONFIDENT PERMIT WOULD SOON BE ISSUED WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS HELPED PREVENT SOTO'S REMARKS FROM BEING AS CRITICAL AS THEY MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN.

5. THIS MORNING'S PRESS ALSO CARRIED STORY DATED LINED MEXICO CITY TO EFFECT THAT MEXICAN DIRECTOR CIVIL AVIATION HAD CHARGED THAT THE "U.S. INTENDED TO USE OUR COUNTRY AS A PLATFORM FOR CONTROLLING COMMERCIAL AVIATION IN THE AMERICAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTINENT", CITING THIS AS REASON WHY MEXICO HAD ONLY EXTENDED OLD BILATERAL RATHER THAN SIGNING NEW AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. HE ALSO CITED PAN AMERICAN AS ENJOYING FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS ONLY BECAUSE GOVERNMENTS OF COUNTRIES TO WHICH IT FLIES GRANT IT SUCH RIGHTS. IN VIEW EMOTIONALISM ATTENDING OUR CIVIL AIR PROBLEMS WITH PERU AND INTEREST THIS STORY MAY CREATE, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER BACKGROUND THE DEPARTMENT MAY BE IN POSITION TO SUPPLY TO PERMIT US TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS WHICH

WILL PROBABLY ARISE.
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